



ATTLEBORO

Bristol County



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NARRATIVE

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Attleboro is a small manufacturing city with a unique combination of the advantages of urban and suburban living. Known as the birthplace of the jewelry industry in New England, the city has its share of red brick mill buildings and a healthy legacy of jewelry and metal fabrication jobs that make it one of the major manufacturing employment centers in Massachusetts. At the same time, Attleboro's location at the southern end of the MBTA commuter rail line has encouraged the growth of suburban neighborhoods bringing increased support for public education and recreation. The public library is currently undergoing a \$3 million renovation that will provide fully accessible space for community activities, as well as additional areas for children's and young people's collections. Capron Park Zoo, located in the center of the city and completely rebuilt in 1989, features lions, tigers and its "signature" polar bear, as well as a nocturnal exhibit and tropical rain forest. The Bungay River and surrounding wetlands are under study for wildlife habitat preservation and sanctuary areas. Attleboro is also home to the LaSalette Shrine whose Christmas light display is one of the most spectacular in New England.

Attleboro is a friendly and growing city that attracts



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by North Attleboro and Mansfield on the north; Norton on the east; Rehoboth and Seekonk on the south; and Pawtucket and Cumberland, Rhode Island, on the southwest and west. Attleboro is 32 miles southwest of Boston; 12 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island; and 197 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 28.29 sq. miles

Land Area: 27.52 sq. miles

Population: 38,383

Density: 1,395 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Taunton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.7"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Attleborough, Norton, Pawtucket

Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and
Economic Development District

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Fall River



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 222-9610

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1694

As a city: 1914

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 17,043

Democrats 3,859 22.6 % Republicans 2,045 12.0 % Other parties 4 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 11,135 65.3 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographic Information: (Population, persons by sex, age Distribution, race, household & income distribution, poverty status, etc.)

[U.S. Census Bureau Tables](#)

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Attleboro city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	42,068	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	42,068	100.0
Male.....	20,441	48.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	1,806	4.3
Female.....	21,627	51.4	Mexican.....	144	0.3
Under 5 years.....	2,942	7.0	Puerto Rican.....	593	1.4
5 to 9 years.....	3,061	7.3	Cuban.....	16	-
10 to 14 years.....	3,078	7.3	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	1,062	2.5
15 to 19 years.....	2,483	5.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	40,263	95.7
20 to 24 years.....	1,979	4.7	White alone.....	37,467	89.1
25 to 34 years.....	6,611	15.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	7,672	18.2	Total population.....	42,068	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	5,327	12.7	In households.....	41,237	98.0
55 to 59 years.....	1,982	4.7	Householder.....	16,019	38.1
60 to 64 years.....	1,511	3.6	Spouse.....	8,582	20.4
65 to 74 years.....	2,682	6.4	Child.....	12,832	30.5
75 to 84 years.....	1,991	4.7	Own child under 18 years.....	9,924	23.6
85 years and over.....	749	1.8	Other relatives.....	1,772	4.2
Median age (years).....	36.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	538	1.3
18 years and over.....	31,394	74.6	Nonrelatives.....	2,032	4.8
Male.....	14,955	35.5	Unmarried partner.....	979	2.3
Female.....	16,439	39.1	In group quarters.....	831	2.0
21 years and over.....	30,150	71.7	Institutionalized population.....	609	1.4
62 years and over.....	6,312	15.0	Noninstitutionalized population.....	222	0.5
65 years and over.....	5,422	12.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	2,060	4.9	Total households.....	16,019	100.0
Female.....	3,362	8.0	Family households (families).....	10,921	68.2
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	5,344	33.4
One race.....	41,315	98.2	Married-couple family.....	8,582	53.6
White.....	38,410	91.3	With own children under 18 years.....	4,002	25.0
Black or African American.....	691	1.6	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,698	10.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	67	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,021	6.4
Asian.....	1,367	3.2	Nonfamily households.....	5,098	31.8
Asian Indian.....	359	0.9	Householder living alone.....	4,117	25.7
Chinese.....	121	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,511	9.4
Filipino.....	48	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	5,707	35.6
Japanese.....	28	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	3,579	22.3
Korean.....	47	0.1	Average household size.....	2.57	(X)
Vietnamese.....	103	0.2	Average family size.....	3.12	(X)
Other Asian ¹	661	1.6	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	15	-	Total housing units.....	16,554	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	3	-	Occupied housing units.....	16,019	96.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	6	-	Vacant housing units.....	535	3.2
Samoan.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	4	-	occasional use.....	35	0.2
Some other race.....	765	1.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.7	(X)
Two or more races.....	753	1.8	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.8	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	16,019	100.0
White.....	38,987	92.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	10,224	63.8
Black or African American.....	861	2.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	5,795	36.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	245	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.81	(X)
Asian.....	1,599	3.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.16	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	67	0.2			
Some other race.....	1,112	2.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State	443
Conventional Federal	0

Rental Assistance (DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP)	69
Federal (Section 8)	121



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The Taunton-Attleboro region has excellent highway facilities. Interstate 495, especially well designed south of Boston, provides access to Interstate 90 to the northwest and to U.S. Route 6, the Mid-Cape Highway, to the southeast. Interstate 95 and the Fall River Expressway (State Route 24) provide access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstates 95 and 295 and U.S. Route 1 in the western sector.

Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station is available from South Attleboro (travel time 45-56 min. to BBS; 562 parking spaces) and Attleboro (35-48 min. to BBS; 781 parking spaces). Conrail provides freight service to Attleboro. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

Bus

Attleboro is a member of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA). GATRA provides fixed route service within Attleboro and between Attleboro and Taunton through Bloom's Bus Lines. GATRA provides Dial-A-Ride service to the elderly and disabled.

Other

Three General Aviation (GA) facilities in the area: Mansfield Municipal Airport, with a 3,496' X 75' asphalt and a 2,200' X 100' turf runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Taunton Municipal Airport has a 3,496' X 75' asphalt and a 2,350' X 150' gravel runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Norfolk Airport has a 2,700' asphalt runway with a copter approach.

Commuting to Work (Means of Transportation to Work, Travel Time)

[U.S. Census Bureau Tables](#) LAND USE CLASSIFICATION

* (Office of Environmental Affairs 1985)

	Acres	
Residential	4,093	23.0%
Commercial	311	1.7%
Industrial	539	3.0%
Transportation	554	3.1%
Agriculture	1,060	6.0%
Urban Open Land	499	2.8%
Recreation	365	2.1%
Water	399	2.2%
Other	9,993	56.1%

* Cape Cod communities updated 1992

ZONING REGULATIONS

(Supplied by community 1993)

Single Two Multi

	Family	Family	Family
Minimum lot size (sf)	10,000	10,000	14,000
Minimum lot width or frontage (ft)	80	80	80

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

(Supplied by community 1993)

Comprehensive Plans	Yes
Rent Control	No
Condominium Controls	No
Groundwater Protection	Yes
Subdivision Control Laws	Yes
Site Plan Approval Required	No
Other Growth Limits	No



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

Attleboro Museum, Center for the Arts
199 County Street
(508) 222-2644

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)

MUSEUMS



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Fuller Memorial Hospital
Sturdy Memorial Hospital

Long Term Care

Bristol Nursing Home
Pleasant Manor Nursing Home
Ridgewood Court Nursing & Rehab. Center

Hospices

Hospice Of Comm. H. Agency

Rest Homes

Pleasant Street Rest Home, Inc

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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